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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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| Applicant(s):                 | Larry B. Gray      | Confirmation No.: | 5527                                   |
| Application No.:              | 09/665,668         | Group Art:        | 3773                                   |
| Filing Date:                  | September 20, 2000 | Examiner:         | Vy Q. BUI                              |
| Title: AXIALLY FLEXIBLE STENT |                    |                   | AIA - 10000000000000000000000000000000 |

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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RCE AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2008, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**A listing of the claims** are reflected on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.